

PAB from GSJ

Fortunately I am not the NSC-4 working group because if I were, this would be of no use whatsoever to me. The NSC-4 working group, however, being more perspicacious than I, will understand what it means.

I wonder by what slip the authors failed to get a copy of 25X1A9a
memorandum of 26 October, 1948. Not only has the question about the UNGA been ignored, but they don't pay any attention that I can see to the "probable consequences." Of course it's a little ambiguous as to what consequences are referred to and whom they ^{are to} affect, but I should think some sort of consequences would be dealt with somewhere.

~~The memorandum is a very poor one~~
As to assumptions, it would seem that they built up their own rather than take the one they were given. The memorandum specifies Russian dissatisfaction and attempt to improve. I can't see where either of these things is mentioned or even implied. Also, the specific questions aren't really dealt with. The first one wants to know about advantages, disadvantages, and consequences of a unilateral withdrawal. That is less discussed than quadripartite ditto. The second one is on UNGA, which, as said, the authors

I don't happen to know what the NSC-4 (which I believe was the designation of a pre-PBY airplane) wants to use this IM for, but I should suppose it would be as a basis for preparing counter-arguments against the Soviet propaganda. I wouldn't know whether or not it would help them with this problem. About all this says ~~xxxxxx~~ relative to the point is that the Soviets could use any withdrawal for propaganda reasons, which is pretty easy for anyone to see. If the group merely wants to know what sort of proposal the Soviets will make and when, they wouldn't have a very clearcut answer either. Maybe they'll do something after the summer of 1949 is about all I can get out of it.